

## A MESSAGE FROM CHARLES BERMAN

Dear North Hempstead Taxpayer:

Enclosed is your 2015-2016 School Tax bill for the school district and library levies. Although school taxes are collected by the Receiver of Taxes, payments you make in response to the school bill are forwarded to your local school district and local library district, if applicable, and do not fund the operation of town government. The factors that determine the amount of your school bill are beyond the control of the Town of North Hempstead. These factors are:

- ◆ The assessment on your home, which is determined by the Nassau County Department of Assessment.
- ◆ The budget and tax levy approved by voters and adopted by your local Board of Education.
- ◆ The percentage of your school district's tax levy paid by property owners in your property tax class.

***This is the only School tax bill you will receive. PLEASE KEEP YOUR SECOND-HALF STUB IN A SAFE PLACE. If you should lose it, please contact our office, or you may print your tax bill online.***  
**Thank you.**

### ***PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:***

#### **Updating/Changing Your Information**

Property owners are responsible to ensure that property information is up-to-date with the Tax Receiver's Office and your Incorporated Village (if applicable). Whenever you move, or have any other change in ownership or billing address, please be sure to notify the Tax Receiver's office and your Incorporated Village (if applicable) to ensure that tax bills are sent to the correct location, thus avoiding late fees and penalties.

Please contact the Department of Assessment before you change the name on your deed or certificate of shares, or are changing your place of residence, to ensure that you are not jeopardizing your property tax exemptions.

#### **Mailing Your Payments**

First-half 2015-2016 School Tax payments must be postmarked by the US Postal Service on or before November 10, 2015 to avoid penalty (postage meters are not considered official postmarks). Second-half School Tax payments are payable without penalty on or before May 10, 2016.

#### **Don't Stand In Line - Go Online**

Information on paying taxes online is listed on the reverse side of your bill. Online payments may be made by check (ACH) or credit card. Please note that credit card payments may *only* be made online and cannot be processed by our cashiers. Online credit card payment processing rates have been reduced to 2.35% of the tax amount (fee schedule listed on our webpage).

#### **Exemptions**

You may be eligible for a property tax exemption. The 2016-2017 exemption filing (or renewal) deadline is January 4, 2016. For further information, please visit our webpage at [www.northhempsteadny.gov/tax](http://www.northhempsteadny.gov/tax) or call our office. Exemption information is also available from the Nassau County Dept. of Assessment at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola NY 11501 (Tel: 516-571-1500) or by visiting: [www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/assessor/](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/assessor/).

Nassau County Department of Assessment has advised us that the Alternative Veterans Exemption will be applied to qualifying veterans' 2015-2016 School Tax bills, provided the school district passed a resolution allowing such exemption. All school districts in the Town of North Hempstead adopted the Alternative Veterans' Exemption.

#### **Nassau County Grievance Period EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT!**

You have the right to challenge your tentative assessed value assigned on January 2nd by the Nassau County Department of Assessment. The next Assessment Grievance period is **January 2 - March 1, 2016** for the 2017-2018 Tentative Assessment Roll. During this period, grievances may be filed at the Nassau County Department of Assessment, 240 Old Country Rd., 4th Floor, Mineola, NY. For further information or to file a grievance online, visit the [Nassau County Assessment Review Commission \(ARC\)](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov) [webpage at [www.nassaucountyny.gov](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov) (choose Departments and then Assessment Review Commission)]. Applications will be available in January.

#### **Important Telephone Numbers**

North Hempstead Call Center: 311

North Hempstead Call Center (from outside North Hempstead): 516-869-6311

Receiver of Taxes Office: 516-869-7800